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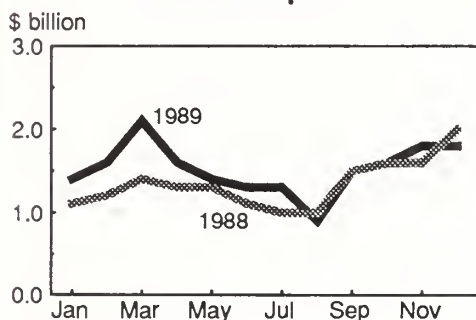
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U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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Trade Surplus



December Trade Surplus Up Slightly - The December agricultural trade surplus increased \$4 million from the previous month to more than \$1.8 billion. Exports remained strong at \$3.6 billion, but dropped \$94 million below November's level. Imports fell to less than \$1.8 billion. The cumulative trade surplus for calendar 1989 totaled \$18.2 billion, \$2.1 billion ahead of a year ago and the biggest since 1984.

Exports Lower In December - U.S. agricultural exports slid 3 percent from the previous month to \$3.6 billion. Unusually cold weather contributed to the decline. Decreases in corn, soybeans, meat, rice, fruits, nuts, and tobacco more than offset increases in wheat, animal feeds, soybean meal, cotton, vegetable oils, barley, and cattle hides.

Calendar 1989 Exports Reached \$40 Billion, 8 percent above the previous year and the highest annual total since the record \$43.3 billion shipped in 1981. This marks the third consecutive year-to-year increase since exports bottomed-out at \$26.2 billion in 1986--the low point for the 1980's.

Corn exports during December remained strong at 6.6 million tons valued at \$741 million. Although volume retreated 895,000 tons from November, it was still the second largest monthly figure on record. Shipments to the Soviet Union reached 3 million tons, compared with 3.4 million tons the previous month. Other major corn markets during December were Japan (937,000 tons), Taiwan (796,000 tons), South Korea (497,000 tons), and Mexico (493,000 tons). Calendar 1989 corn exports rose sharply to 56.5 million tons valued at \$6.6 billion. Record Soviet purchases accounted for one-third of the total or 18.6 million tons.

Soybean exports of 1.8 million tons decreased 13 percent from the previous month and slightly below December 1988. The EC (990,000 tons) remained the largest market followed by Japan (421,000 tons), and Taiwan (224,000). Shipments to the

USSR and Mexico dropped sharply. Soybean exports in calendar 1989 were 15.1 million tons, the lowest annual total since 1975. The EC accounted for 43 percent or 6.4 million tons.

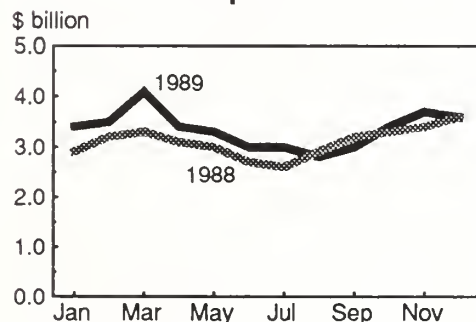
Wheat exports of 2.2 million tons gained 15 percent in December. The export pace, however, remained sluggish for the third month in a row. Pakistan (291,000 tons) was the largest market followed by China (286,000 tons), Japan (272,000 tons), and Egypt (271,000 tons). After averaging nearly 10 million tons per quarter during January-September 1989, wheat exports totaled 6.5 million in the last quarter.

Cotton exports moved 31 percent higher in December to 149,000 tons valued at \$250 million. Japan (42,000 tons), Korea (29,000 tons), the EC (27,000 tons), and Indonesia (10,000 tons) were the largest markets. Calendar 1989 exports of 1.5 million tons (valued at \$2.2 billion) totaled the highest since 1980.

Agricultural Imports fell 5 percent in December to \$1.8 billion. Declines in coffee, sugar, and other commodities more than offset increases for live animals, fruits and vegetables, meat, and tobacco. Imports in 1989 set a record of \$21.8 billion, \$306 million above the previous high in 1986. Coffee imports for the year were 1.2 million tons, valued at \$2.4 billion (table 6). (Steve Milmo, 202-786-1822)

Record Export Credit Guarantees in FY 1989 - Credit guarantee approvals increased 15 percent in fiscal 1989 to \$5.2 billion, the highest level reached under the GSM-102 and GSM-103 programs. This indicates that exports under these programs will be up over fiscal 1988 levels as well. Wheat and flour, feed grains, oilseeds, and protein meal were the commodity groups with the greatest coverage. Mexico, Iraq, Algeria, and Korea were the primary destinations under the credit guarantee programs (table 4). (Ann Fleming, 202-786-1821)

Exports



Imports

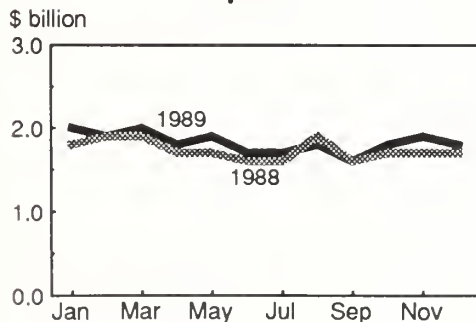


Table 1--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity group and unit	January-December				December			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989
Total agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	37,126,366	39,991,256	--	--	3,623,974	3,558,748
Animals & animal prods (NA)	--	--	6,422,058	6,372,565	--	--	565,861	528,945
Animals live - ex poultry (NA)	--	--	523,458	408,891	--	--	57,069	53,124
Cattle & calves - live (NO)	322	169	202,341	108,346	32	11	20,171	8,870
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	28	42	266,868	247,497	3	3	32,286	39,828
Swine - live (NO)	125	93	17,061	13,728	36	7	2,983	1,094
Sheep, live (NO)	176	330	8,363	10,998	21	42	772	1,293
Other live animals (NA)	--	--	28,825	28,322	--	--	856	2,039
Meats & meat prods (MT)	678	915	1,973,515	2,345,860	61	77	177,235	177,423
Beef & veal (MT)	229	388	1,109,033	1,418,223	20	31	96,998	103,492
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	224	379	1,088,395	1,391,393	20	30	95,128	100,738
Beef - prep or pres (MT)	5	9	20,638	26,830	0	1	1,870	2,754
Horsemeat-fr, chill, froz (MT)	52	59	105,124	134,103	5	5	9,928	11,218
Pork (MT)	63	93	249,440	329,486	6	9	23,138	27,903
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	55	79	226,868	298,612	5	7	20,749	24,684
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	8	13	22,572	30,874	1	1	2,390	3,219
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	315	264	456,795	375,878	28	19	42,220	27,087
Other meats - fr or prep (MT)	20	112	53,124	88,170	2	14	4,951	7,723
Poultry & poultry prods (NA)	--	--	689,048	720,301	--	--	69,783	61,275
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	83,688	81,609	--	--	6,627	6,934
Baby chicks (NO)	38,841	34,538	75,965	69,690	2,754	3,317	6,048	5,976
Other live poultry (NA)	--	--	7,723	11,919	--	--	579	958
Poultry meats (MT)	404	497	458,117	515,983	44	46	52,549	44,367
Chickens - fr or froz (MT)	358	452	398,314	453,473	40	42	47,125	39,363
Turkeys - fr or froz (MT)	23	18	24,280	24,088	2	2	2,208	2,141
Other poultry - fr or froz (MT)	15	13	16,721	15,979	1	1	1,612	893
Poultry meats - prep or pres (MT)	8	12	18,802	22,443	1	1	1,604	1,970
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	2	2	30,052	32,024	0	0	2,052	2,946
Eggs (NA)	--	--	117,191	90,685	--	--	8,555	7,028
Dairy prods (NA)	--	--	572,529	405,239	--	--	52,389	20,987
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	3	14	4,063	20,074	0	0	160	217
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	217	117	241,990	102,301	12	0	18,330	364
Butter & anhyd milkfat (MT)	9	25	10,382	42,556	1	2	1,153	4,636
Cheese (MT)	24	10	45,600	24,787	2	1	3,679	2,575
Whey, fluid or dried (NA)	--	--	41,201	40,819	--	--	4,063	2,592
Other dairy prods (NA)	--	--	229,292	174,700	--	--	25,005	10,603
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	1,410	1,369	576,504	512,224	135	122	52,765	43,728
Lard (MT)	58	55	28,826	25,981	7	5	3,361	2,229
Tallow - inedible (MT)	1,216	1,086	477,238	390,719	110	93	41,055	31,554
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	136	228	70,441	95,524	18	24	8,349	9,946
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA)	--	--	1,828,844	1,717,159	--	--	131,885	146,677
Cattle hides - whole (NO)	21,885	26,344	1,466,016	1,343,858	1,961	2,173	106,537	117,306
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	--	--	25,123	39,481	--	--	2,691	3,520
Other hides & skins, ex furs (NA)	--	--	146,869	178,475	--	--	12,317	16,980
Furskins (NA)	--	--	190,837	155,345	--	--	10,340	8,871
Mink pelts (NO)	2,537	3,264	89,028	97,203	182	122	6,356	3,375
Other furskins (NA)	--	--	101,809	58,142	--	--	3,984	5,495
Wool & mohair (MT)	7	7	40,559	39,667	0	1	2,265	3,781
Sausage casings (MT)	11	10	30,045	31,608	1	1	2,830	3,711
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	45,623	52,985	--	--	5,620	7,359
Misc animal prods - other (NA)	--	--	141,934	138,630	--	--	14,020	10,879
Grains & feeds (MT)	111,316	119,619	13,978,927	17,201,966	9,723	10,943	1,376,789	1,494,551
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	40,521	36,426	4,889,583	5,864,986	2,726	2,225	427,979	362,145
Wheat flour (MT)	1,294	1,196	192,770	269,834	121	71	22,107	15,017
Bulgar wheat (MT)	128	16	25,412	2,947	13	0	2,749	38
Other wheat prods (MT)	14	14	9,549	11,917	1	2	816	1,353
Rice-paddy, milled, parb. (MT)	2,303	3,057	806,173	969,729	310	263	87,285	83,326
Feed grains & prods (MT)	55,211	67,113	5,970,462	7,874,454	5,632	7,303	656,827	831,366
Feed grains (MT)	54,971	66,680	5,891,110	7,737,344	5,614	7,274	649,564	821,513
Barley (MT)	2,170	1,730	190,304	211,596	329	216	38,965	26,368
Corn (MT)	46,284	56,513	5,040,277	6,580,585	4,565	6,563	532,301	740,648
Grain sorghums (MT)	6,480	8,341	656,426	934,610	707	493	76,915	54,360
Oats (MT)	7	12	869	1,621	0	1	46	104
Rye (MT)	30	84	3,233	8,932	12	0	1,336	34
Feed grain prods (MT)	240	433	79,352	137,110	19	29	7,263	9,853
Popcorn (MT)	68	73	35,760	41,038	6	4	3,602	2,427
Blended food prods (MT)	193	205	59,503	58,311	16	3	5,021	846
Other grain prods (MT)	242	526	174,199	289,038	25	28	17,573	21,750
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	11,341	10,993	1,815,515	1,819,711	874	1,044	152,833	176,281
Corn by-products (MT)	6,048	5,155	876,629	751,811	516	528	75,552	76,746
Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT)	678	539	96,776	79,538	46	58	6,800	8,615
Beet pulp (MT)	777	559	90,915	70,428	43	36	5,599	3,838
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	625	679	81,795	81,259	23	14	2,744	1,513
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	3,212	4,061	669,401	836,675	246	408	62,139	85,568
Fruits & prep, ex juice (MT)	2,006	2,110	1,497,055	1,567,198	159	153	110,726	110,122
Fruits - fr (MT)	1,707	1,789	1,093,196	1,132,981	131	128	74,085	73,343
Fruits - fr - citrus (MT)	973	1,012	533,924	576,920	64	57	32,607	32,924
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	463	485	222,186	241,613	28	26	12,897	14,043
Lemons & limes - fresh (MT)	145	137	102,392	101,481	11	8	5,820	4,606
Oranges & tangerines - fresh (MT)	355	389	201,081	232,467	24	24	13,421	14,221
Fruits - fr - noncitrus (MT)	734	776	559,272	556,061	67	70	41,478	40,419
Apples - fresh (MT)	290	268	138,241	133,959	40	44	19,574	21,684
Grapes - fresh (MT)	133	136	129,457	132,114	12	9	11,298	9,003
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	311	372	291,574	289,988	15	18	10,606	9,732

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	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989
Fruits - dried (MT)	168	165	269,333	267,990	15	14	24,427	24,430
Raisins - dried (MT)	99	93	154,554	150,010	10	8	14,356	12,905
Prunes - dried (MT)	59	63	94,772	101,189	5	6	8,213	9,935
Other dried fruits (MT)	10	10	20,007	16,791	1	1	1,859	1,590
Fruits - canned ex juice (MT)	75	75	79,648	76,219	7	5	7,026	5,296
Fruits - froz ex juice (MT)	30	32	27,870	31,550	3	2	2,218	2,350
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	26	49	27,008	58,458	3	4	2,969	4,704
Fruit juices incl froz (HL)	5,732	5,008	264,586	268,404	386	365	17,724	19,727
Orange juice (HL)	2,556	2,822	121,497	137,831	169	208	8,256	10,795
Other fruit juices (HL)	3,176	2,186	143,089	130,573	217	158	9,468	8,932
Wine (HL)	59	746	79,655	93,481	4	47	5,138	6,330
Nuts & prep (MT)	431	491	883,866	845,957	42	46	76,832	65,469
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	184	158	587,129	491,873	14	12	45,147	37,189
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	149	244	120,843	165,944	20	30	15,812	17,493
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	7	67	103,442	120,794	6	3	7,442	5,357
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	2	4	8,465	10,678	0	0	936	783
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	22	17	63,987	56,668	2	1	7,495	4,647
Vegetables & prep (NA)	--	--	1,360,725	1,604,075	--	--	149,766	147,535
Vegetables - fr (MT)	640	691	313,546	329,493	66	47	29,711	22,609
Celery - fresh (MT)	58	63	18,892	19,890	7	6	2,296	1,778
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	19	30	11,051	17,898	3	4	2,089	2,227
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	158	155	51,070	49,084	21	10	6,502	3,831
Onions - fresh (MT)	112	85	30,743	22,045	11	9	3,165	2,218
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	39	118	14,804	44,330	3	3	1,202	1,114
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	73	80	46,916	51,183	6	7	3,859	4,682
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	181	160	140,070	125,062	15	9	10,598	6,760
Vegetables - froz (MT)	251	279	181,432	209,326	20	24	15,012	17,675
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	52	55	38,056	41,662	5	5	3,776	3,820
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	140	165	96,287	111,165	11	15	7,451	9,867
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	60	59	47,089	56,498	4	4	3,785	3,989
Vegetables - canned (MT)	190	153	158,064	140,279	27	14	21,297	13,340
Pulses (MT)	530	546	237,909	297,701	63	69	35,474	40,337
Dried beans (MT)	357	369	179,854	232,021	48	45	28,410	30,917
Dried peas (MT)	131	128	40,943	40,622	10	19	3,901	6,681
Dried lentils (MT)	42	50	17,113	25,057	6	5	3,163	2,739
Hops, incl hop ext (MT)	9	17	63,788	89,290	1	1	5,541	5,841
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	--	--	405,986	537,986	--	--	42,730	47,732
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	26,904	21,798	7,753,228	6,316,158	2,555	2,474	788,663	607,997
Oilcake & meal (MT)	6,475	4,500	1,612,882	1,155,784	545	524	152,948	112,955
Soybean meal (MT)	6,282	4,370	1,579,696	1,135,594	539	513	152,141	111,242
Other oilcake & meal (MT)	192	130	33,186	20,190	6	11	807	1,713
Oilseeds (MT)	18,790	15,819	5,157,824	4,288,126	1,915	1,836	574,940	432,055
Soybeans (MT)	18,369	15,061	4,920,333	3,943,903	1,882	1,790	551,990	407,096
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	211	104	82,227	47,802	12	7	7,068	3,421
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	42	53	35,541	39,497	6	6	5,238	4,711
Other oilseeds (MT)	107	537	30,018	146,724	6	27	1,659	6,532
Protein substances (MT)	61	64	89,705	110,200	8	6	8,986	10,294
Vegetable oils (MT)	1,639	1,478	982,522	872,248	96	114	60,775	62,987
Soybean oil (MT)	875	700	476,970	358,723	54	51	28,984	23,702
Cottonseed oil (MT)	171	209	90,899	102,427	7	18	4,190	7,584
Sunflower oil (MT)	260	216	127,262	107,992	11	20	6,297	10,464
Corn oil (MT)	157	174	98,141	108,912	11	14	7,093	9,015
Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	176	178	189,249	194,194	12	10	14,211	12,222
Tobacco - unmg (MT)	219	225	1,252,772	1,340,603	21	20	132,404	114,024
Tobacco - light air-cured (MT)	47	49	307,584	339,745	1	1	9,328	6,538
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	121	121	758,504	785,448	16	15	108,149	95,441
Other tobacco - unmg (MT)	50	55	186,683	215,410	3	3	14,928	12,045
Cotton, ex linters (MT)	1,301	1,532	1,975,113	2,249,615	146	149	206,850	250,048
Cotton linters (MT)	45	48	16,894	18,886	5	5	2,076	1,892
Essential oils (MT)	8	14	122,860	179,616	1	1	13,680	11,814
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	305	516	431,313	509,095	50	47	67,909	80,133
Sugar & tropical prods (MT)	774	932	775,019	699,583	71	95	75,844	59,679
Sugar & related prods (MT)	651	784	216,714	309,810	56	84	17,332	23,824
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	288	424	102,958	157,362	14	30	4,709	11,674
Related sugar prods (MT)	363	360	113,756	152,448	42	54	12,623	12,150
Coffee (MT)	12	18	75,922	94,942	2	2	8,851	11,012
Cocoa (MT)	8	11	17,282	27,270	1	1	1,590	3,595
Chocolate & prep (MT)	36	55	130,989	157,047	4	5	17,111	14,419
Tea & mate (MT)	3	7	17,030	31,198	0	1	1,545	3,130
Spices (MT)	9	9	27,282	24,491	1	1	2,461	1,693
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	30	40	49,322	50,366	5	1	7,865	1,775
Other misc veg prods (MT)	26	37	139,456	217,536	2	2	19,654	20,327
Nursery & greenhouse prods (NA)	--	--	83,797	116,641	--	--	7,717	10,201
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	--	--	10,349,880	11,894,378	--	--	800,785	930,390
Fertilizers (NA)	--	--	2,515,560	2,850,777	--	--	200,218	171,505
Fish & shellfish (MT)	662	622	2,223,853	2,280,810	73	33	105,181	109,450
Fish - fr or prep (MT)	361	419	1,473,529	1,380,814	16	23	55,468	59,109
Shellfish (MT)	75	120	476,435	614,716	7	8	34,673	38,842
Other fish prods (MT)	226	83	273,888	285,280	50	3	15,040	11,499
Ag chemicals (MT)	284	249	1,670,442	1,275,698	23	15	140,584	94,909
Fungicides (MT)	37	25	228,384	148,240	3	1	21,398	13,994
Herbicides (MT)	164	123	906,150	636,441	12	8	72,154	49,145
Insecticides (MT)	56	64	382,959	237,832	4	3	32,084	12,330
Other pesticides (MT)	27	36	152,949	253,184	3	3	14,948	19,441
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	1,039,160	1,854,718	--	--	81,680	139,687
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	70	26	463,144	597,214	7	3	35,963	47,251
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	--	--	576,016	1,257,504	--	--	45,718	92,436
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	--	--	2,900,865	3,632,375	--	--	273,122	414,838

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity and unit	January-December				December			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989
Total agricultural imports (NA)	--	--	20,950,723	21,752,208	--	--	1,670,145	1,749,781
Noncompetitive agr. imports (NA)	--	--	6,263,171	6,125,211	--	--	491,913	401,976
Bananas and plantains (MT)	3,020	3,097	832,282	870,769	234	249	64,880	69,847
Coffee, including products (MT)	965	1,209	2,470,179	2,432,154	65	103	170,645	151,830
Cocoa and products (MT)	512	569	1,002,773	976,627	53	37	87,803	60,653
Tea and mate' (MT)	91	93	129,618	139,330	8	7	11,975	12,468
Spices (MT)	119	110	333,798	275,472	9	9	26,412	20,018
Rubber & allied gums-crude (MT)	866	917	1,022,557	957,735	75	62	92,847	51,793
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	6,511	12,760	0	0	668	1,479
Wool, unmanufactured-carpet (MT)	590	17	46,224	58,137	1	1	2,494	3,238
Fibers, excluding cotton (MT)	38	105	23,974	47,495	2	7	1,615	3,401
Essential oils (MT)	13	18	147,593	135,144	1	2	12,063	10,764
Drugs - crude - natural (MT)	54	44	229,544	218,548	4	3	19,391	16,354
Other noncompetitive imports (NA)	--	--	18,118	1,040	--	--	1,121	131
Competitive agricul. imports (NA)	--	--	14,687,553	15,626,996	--	--	1,178,232	1,347,804
Animals and animal products (NA)	--	--	5,200,376	5,067,118	--	--	395,199	503,214
Animals-live, excl. poultry (NO)	2,294	2,700	745,650	823,773	198	363	68,996	118,517
Cattle - live (NO)	1,332	1,459	598,258	661,932	137	270	57,299	103,127
Horses & mules - live (NO)	10	11	63,337	54,638	1	1	6,293	6,456
Swine - live (NO)	836	1,074	78,942	100,733	53	88	5,269	8,407
Sheep - live (NO)	0	142	0	5,683	0	3	0	207
Other live animals (NO)	115	14	5,112	788	7	2	135	320
Meats & prods exc. poultry (MT)	1,263	1,111	2,720,107	2,547,918	74	93	164,430	235,754
Beef and veal (MT)	781	709	1,679,303	1,662,742	36	63	77,451	159,809
Beef & veal-fresh/frozen (MT)	703	639	1,487,907	1,468,849	31	56	63,327	138,907
Beef & veal-prep or pres (MT)	77	70	191,396	193,894	5	7	14,124	20,901
Pork (MT)	438	346	933,460	754,043	34	25	74,479	64,736
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	283	226	477,376	394,266	19	16	32,181	31,780
Pork-prepared, preservd (MT)	156	120	456,084	359,778	15	9	42,297	32,956
Mutton, goat, & lamb (MT)	20	21	39,886	43,377	1	2	3,369	3,616
Variety meats-fresh/froz (MT)	9	13	12,122	22,111	1	1	909	1,498
Other meats-fresh or froz (MT)	3	3	20,492	19,219	1	0	4,476	1,078
Other meats & products (MT)	12	19	34,820	46,412	1	2	3,740	5,017
Poultry and products (NA)	--	--	96,774	135,742	--	--	7,085	10,671
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	7,285	17,652	--	--	292	1,418
Poultry meat (MT)	3	3	12,441	14,223	0	0	672	878
Eggs (NA)	--	--	15,194	27,849	--	--	1,023	1,756
Feathers & downs - crude (MT)	10	13	61,854	76,017	1	1	5,098	6,619
Dairy products (NA)	--	--	874,734	857,420	--	--	79,096	83,720
Milk & cream, fres/dried (MT)	14	16	13,704	16,520	1	2	1,087	1,938
Butter & butterfat mixt (MT)	1	3	1,960	4,813	0	1	263	1,369
Cheese (MT)	115	127	360,762	380,970	12	16	39,042	46,687
Casein & mixtures (MT)	85	84	291,751	402,295	4	6	20,512	29,689
Other dairy products (NA)	--	--	206,555	52,822	--	--	18,192	4,037
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	20	14	19,383	13,395	1	1	1,529	1,050
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA)	--	--	255,594	216,119	--	--	29,534	16,775
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	6	7	42,114	37,651	1	0	4,411	2,900
Oth hides & skins ex fur (NA)	--	--	59,496	60,431	--	--	5,185	4,469
Furskins (NA)	--	--	153,985	118,037	--	--	19,938	9,406
Wool-unmfg, apparel grades (MT)	42	48	259,140	246,478	3	5	22,544	22,211
Sausage casings (MT)	13	14	69,103	63,685	2	1	8,674	3,331
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	2,714	3,034	--	--	231	262
Misc animal products (NA)	--	--	157,178	159,553	--	--	13,080	10,922
Grains, products, & feeds (MT)	3,139	3,684	909,131	1,217,251	214	312	76,590	100,989
Wheat, excluding seed (MT)	434	333	57,885	57,309	14	33	2,006	4,919
Corn, unmilled (MT)	0	48	0	18,506	0	1	0	117
Oats, unmilled (MT)	827	1,294	105,320	156,132	68	113	11,801	11,871
Barley, unmilled (MT)	255	254	24,801	44,271	11	23	2,033	4,039
Rice (MT)	107	122	53,996	59,978	8	9	4,090	4,818
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	125	165	269,841	339,501	10	12	22,287	26,244
Pasta & noodles (MT)	106	135	85,266	117,791	10	12	8,525	10,879
Other grains & preps (NA)	--	--	145,747	177,840	--	--	13,625	14,784
Feeds & fodders ex oilcake (MT)	1,032	1,028	166,275	245,923	76	86	12,222	23,318
Fruits & preparations (MT)	1,671	1,882	1,041,757	1,093,039	116	120	73,971	74,488
Fruits - fresh or frozen (MT)	1,190	1,340	658,850	681,160	67	74	36,124	38,066
Strawberries fresh o/froz (MT)	47	41	35,545	34,971	2	2	3,258	2,295
Apples, fresh (MT)	122	116	53,128	46,633	4	3	1,925	1,569
Citrus, fresh (MT)	90	75	19,409	18,585	11	12	3,207	3,925
Grapes, fresh (MT)	309	281	254,385	220,326	8	10	7,622	9,892
Mangoes (MT)	35	52	28,877	42,220	0	0	38	98
Melons (MT)	338	489	84,991	127,488	23	27	6,688	7,029
Pineapples (MT)	82	101	30,316	42,866	6	8	2,282	3,200
Oth fruits- fresh o/froz (MT)	167	186	152,199	148,071	13	12	11,104	10,058
Fruits - prep or pres (MT)	481	542	382,906	411,879	49	46	37,847	36,423
Pineapples-canned or prep (MT)	253	302	156,987	173,029	23	23	14,314	13,151
Other fruits-prep or pres (MT)	228	240	225,920	238,850	25	23	23,533	23,272
Orange juice (HL)	15,644	14,722	554,414	443,427	1,602	1,837	60,746	46,209
Other fruit juices (HL)	11,015	12,694	269,470	283,677	1,376	988	29,178	23,242
Nuts & preparations (MT)	135	137	316,640	343,525	12	14	28,387	29,642
Brazil nuts (MT)	9	7	14,806	17,748	1	1	1,923	2,049
Cashew nuts (MT)	39	49	195,706	211,438	3	4	14,867	13,187
Chestnuts (MT)	4	4	9,058	10,359	1	1	2,340	1,281
Coconut meat (MT)	44	48	41,987	38,071	4	5	3,953	3,977
Filberts (MT)	3	1	10,530	1,474	1	0	2,057	110
Macademia nuts (MT)	1	2	13,631	21,314	0	0	1,821	783
Pistachio nuts (MT)	1	2	5,068	6,547	0	0	82	1,680
Other nuts (MT)	33	24	25,855	36,574	3	4	1,345	6,576

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Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity, continued

Commodity and unit	January-December				December			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989
Vegetables & preparations (NA)	--	--	1,615,093	2,048,928	--	--	142,779	175,833
Vegetables-fresh or frozen (MT)	1,681	1,895	721,536	982,843	119	182	61,068	92,926
Tomatoes (MT)	370	394	157,808	229,928	7	21	3,130	13,653
Asparagus (MT)	15	16	19,339	19,278	1	1	1,166	1,648
Beans (MT)	14	26	10,966	22,961	1	3	1,431	2,962
Carrots (MT)	53	57	13,407	11,863	4	8	947	1,158
Cucumbers (MT)	194	205	45,645	90,257	26	37	7,201	13,906
Eggplant (MT)	17	17	8,377	9,642	1	2	689	1,867
Garlic (MT)	17	17	10,798	14,291	0	1	4	744
Lettuce (MT)	0	27	0	9,406	0	2	0	757
Onions (MT)	185	163	81,209	65,037	11	12	9,361	6,355
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	36	45	32,657	46,599	4	3	4,339	4,088
Peppers (MT)	125	140	72,037	110,948	8	14	6,755	10,207
Potatoes (MT)	222	278	46,890	76,880	14	25	3,584	6,460
Squash (MT)	64	79	32,469	36,530	9	12	4,272	6,132
Other vgs-fresh or froz (MT)	368	431	189,934	239,223	33	41	18,190	22,987
Vegetables-prep or preserv (NA)	--	--	893,557	1,066,084	--	--	81,711	82,907
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	73	70	131,541	145,054	6	7	11,027	14,321
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	49	57	113,624	137,516	1	3	3,476	8,329
Hops, incl extract (MT)	5	6	27,076	26,106	0	0	1,085	919
Artichokes - prepared (MT)	16	18	32,695	35,260	0	1	731	2,317
Asparagus - prepared (MT)	2	2	5,770	3,029	0	0	493	471
Tomatoes inc paste & sauce(MT)	133	175	81,467	161,075	19	9	12,445	9,836
Waterchestnuts (MT)	33	31	25,120	24,055	2	2	1,763	1,933
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	44	64	22,001	35,511	3	3	1,927	1,860
Oth vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	--	--	454,262	498,478	--	--	48,764	42,922
Sugar and related products (NA)	--	--	689,894	955,734	--	--	73,931	58,988
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	1,214	1,542	437,738	592,974	134	85	53,050	34,271
Molasses - inedible (MT)	987	6,789	73,123	59,381	93	482	7,507	2,384
Confectionery products (MT)	39	105	61,106	180,834	2	8	4,139	13,894
Oth sugar & related prods (MT)	339	282	117,926	122,545	26	18	9,235	8,439
Spices (MT)	23	19	32,597	34,639	2	1	3,142	1,708
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	197	180	560,682	550,734	5	16	13,673	41,977
Tobacco - filler (MT)	166	165	524,548	531,983	4	16	12,041	41,036
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	13	13	15,422	5,855	1	1	587	397
Other tobacco (MT)	18	2	20,712	12,896	0	0	1,046	544
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	15,174	13,898	1,947,407	1,842,092	999	985	138,429	138,982
Wine (HL)	2,957	2,842	938,581	930,090	236	242	73,922	76,511
Malt beverages (HL)	10,977	10,257	918,383	854,538	665	682	56,941	58,159
Other beverages (HL)	1,239	799	90,443	57,463	98	62	7,566	4,312
Oilseeds & products (MT)	1,893	1,877	919,439	915,655	176	181	90,005	87,889
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	273	469	94,188	173,513	28	47	9,887	16,476
Flaxseed (MT)	109	172	29,515	57,227	17	16	5,404	4,921
Sesameseed (MT)	33	41	25,702	39,962	2	3	2,007	3,771
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	131	257	38,972	76,324	8	28	2,476	7,784
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	1,346	1,054	776,438	680,473	121	103	74,814	66,490
Castor oil (MT)	30	38	27,909	34,495	1	4	1,214	3,902
Coconut oil (MT)	445	392	225,067	186,564	28	57	15,258	26,216
Olive oil (MT)	74	81	130,362	153,902	10	8	16,062	16,378
Palm oil (MT)	175	112	60,264	42,134	13	7	5,472	2,160
Palm kernel oil (MT)	209	151	110,420	77,621	26	11	13,603	5,702
Other oils & waxes-veg. (MT)	414	280	222,416	185,756	42	16	23,206	12,132
Oilcake & meal (MT)	274	354	48,813	61,670	28	30	5,305	4,923
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	0	1	449	3,276	0	0	154	18
Cotton linters (MT)	25	15	6,771	6,238	1	1	327	671
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	146	156	155,407	183,934	10	9	14,779	12,024
Cut flowers (NA)	--	--	283,505	299,970	--	--	23,666	22,631
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	--	--	145,664	199,291	--	--	9,272	17,568
Other vegetable products (MT)	14	40	38,856	138,467	1	2	4,003	11,731
Selected non-agric. imports (NA)	--	--	8,853,034	10,173,185	--	--	804,010	786,060
Fertilizers (MT)	15,880	41,576	1,443,115	1,624,714	1,558	1,110	150,830	117,855
Potassium (MT)	6,927	6,397	617,562	565,365	572	460	53,355	39,357
Nitrogen (MT)	7,305	31,134	647,502	715,397	818	291	82,334	55,840
Phosphate (MT)	892	3,998	58,722	336,122	108	358	5,703	22,462
Mixed & organic fertilizers(MT)	756	0	119,328	0	59	0	9,438	0
Fish and shellfish(MT)	45,084	1,473	4,679,569	5,418,856	5,603	106	455,469	424,978
Fish - fresh or prepared (MT)	691	1,040	1,846,458	2,745,418	50	73	137,343	200,362
Shellfish (MT)	341	353	2,696,642	2,623,234	39	32	304,801	221,923
Fish products, other (MT)	44,052	80	136,469	50,204	5,515	1	13,325	2,693
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	61	91	358,938	496,169	2	7	11,769	35,138
Fungicides (MT)	6	15	48,852	50,259	0	1	5,166	2,540
Herbicides (MT)	31	13	177,529	132,184	1	1	5,988	4,616
Insecticides (MT)	11	3	82,321	35,306	0	0	615	943
Other pesticides (MT)	13	61	50,236	278,420	0	6	0	27,040
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	2,288,881	2,545,843	--	--	175,625	199,939
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	105	1,529	1,176,208	1,154,948	7	177	87,439	94,991
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	--	--	1,112,673	1,390,896	--	--	88,186	104,948
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	82,530	87,603	--	--	10,316	8,150

Preliminary data. -- = Not available. Zeroes in quantity columns represent none or less than 500 units.

Table 3--U.S. agricultural trade summary (\$ Million)

Item	Oct	Nov	Dec	CY to date	Chg. fm. prev. yr.
					Percent
Agricultural exports	3,392	3,654	3,559	39,991	7.7
Imports (c.i.f.)	2,029	2,026	1,972	24,108	4.2
Imports (Customs val.)	1,824	1,851	1,750	21,752	3.8
Trade Balance:					
Exports minus cif imports	1,363	1,628	1,587	15,884	13.5
Exports minus Customs valued imports	1,568	1,803	1,809	18,239	12.8

Preliminary data.

Table 4--Exports credit guarantees approved for principal commodity groups and countries, fiscal years 1988 and 1989. (\$ Million)

Commodity/Country	1987/88	1988/89
Total 1/	4,504.3	5,195.3
Wheat/flour	1,111.1	1,622.4
Feed grains	901.3	881.8
Oilseeds	577.5	434.9
Protein meal	188.5	370.7
Cotton	300.1	286.8
Rice	290.0	275.1
Vegetable oils	266.4	218.2
Other	869.4	1,105.4
Mexico	1,116.6	1,259.5
Iraq	1,113.2	1,088.8
Algeria	617.2	587.2
Korea	539.3	550.9
Egypt	197.3	349.8
Venezuela	0.0	300.0
Pakistan	145.4	156.2
Turkey	34.2	130.4
Morocco	155.0	123.4
Other	586.1	649.1

1/ Includes GSM-102 and GSM-103 programs. Includes leather and forest products.

Table 5--U.S. agricultural exports (\$ Million)

Commodity group	Oct	Nov	Dec	CY to date	Change from prev. year
					Percent
Total	3,392	3,654	3,559	39,991	7.7
Live animals	52	57	60	491	-19.2
Meat & preps	248	253	222	2,862	17.7
Dairy prod & eggs	40	34	28	496	-28.1
Animal fats	48	39	44	512	-11.1
Hides & skins	143	135	147	1,717	-6.1
Wheat	393	305	362	5,865	19.9
Rice	92	88	83	970	20.3
Corn	482	813	741	6,581	30.6
Other feed grains	105	73	81	1,157	36.0
Animal feeds	203	202	289	2,975	-13.2
Soybeans	452	467	407	3,944	-19.8
Vegetable oils	69	50	63	872	-11.2
Horticult. prods.	524	485	459	5,278	14.6
Cotton & linters	177	185	252	2,269	13.9
Tobacco, unmg.	106	193	114	1,341	7.0

Preliminary data.

Table 6--U.S. agricultural imports (\$ Million, Customs value)

Commodity group	Oct	Nov	Dec	CY to date	Change from prev. year
					Percent
Total	1,824	1,851	1,750	21,752	3.8
Live animals	55	94	120	841	11.8
Meat & preps.	218	221	237	2,562	-6.2
Dairy prod, eggs	89	99	85	885	-0.5
Grains & feeds	116	125	101	1,217	33.9
Fruits & nuts	235	252	243	3,034	0.7
Vegetables	142	154	176	2,049	26.9
Vegetable oils	64	61	66	680	-12.4
Wine	130	129	77	930	-0.9
Malt beverages	62	70	58	855	-7.0
Coffee	212	159	152	2,432	-1.5
Cocoa	85	69	61	977	-2.6
Rubber, natural	67	66	52	958	-6.3
Sugar	38	51	34	593	35.5
Tobacco, unmg.	48	40	42	551	-1.8
Seeds, flowers	58	68	52	683	16.9

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